

Appln. No.: 10/519,886
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Reply to Office Action of April 16, 2008

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings are replacement sheets containing changes to Figures 1-6.
These sheets replace the original sheets.

Attachments

Remarks/Arguments:

Status of Claims

Claims 13-24 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, the drawings, specification and claims 15, 17 and 18 were objected to based on informalities. Claim 23 was considered to be unpatentable subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 13, 14, 23 and 24 were considered anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102 by U.S. Patent No. 6,516,916 ("Segawa et al."). Claims 15 and 16 were considered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103 in view of Segawa et al. Claims 17 and 18 were considered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Segawa et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,579 ("Hackl"). Claim 19 was considered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Segawa et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,550,871 ("Bohm II").

The Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 20-22. Applicant has amended the claims to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 22 in the independent claims, pursuant to placing the application in form for allowance.

Drawings

Applicant is submitting replacement drawing sheets containing appropriate English translations of the block labels, reference names and other text. The changes are supported and can be verified in the specification. No new matter has been added.

Specification

Applicant has amended the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 21 to address the informality noted in the Office Action. The text has been amended so that the term δ_L 21 is consistently referred to as the "sum steering angle." No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claims 15, 17 and 18 have been amended to remove the reference numbers that were inadvertently transcribed into the claims. No new matter has been added. As such, the objections noted in the Office Action are believed to be resolved.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 23 has been amended to recite a system comprising an electric motor operating under the recited computer program and method of steering a vehicle. Applicant believes the subject matter of claim 23 now falls within statutory subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Independent claims 13 and 23 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 22. As such, claims 13 and 23 are believed to be in allowable form.

Claims 14-21 are dependent on claim 13 and incorporate the allowable subject matter now recited in claim 13. Moreover, claim 24 is dependent on claim 23 and incorporates the


allowable subject matter now recited in claim 23. Accordingly, claims 14-21 and 24 are believed to be in allowable form.

Claim 22, which is now duplicative of claim 13, has been cancelled.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance at this time. Should the Examiner discover any outstanding issues that prevent allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at 610-407-0700 to discuss a possible resolution by telephone.

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Attachment: Replacement Drawing Sheets (6)

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